



OREGON STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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THE OSFM BEGINS NEW CHAPTER AS STATE AGENCY

#ItsOurBirthday! With the cut of a ribbon on June 28, the OSFM began a new chapter in its storied history in Oregon as staff were welcomed into their new headquarters in Salem.

On July 1, 2023, the OSFM officially became a state agency. This move has been in the works for the last several years and substantial work has been poured into this effort by OSFM staff and our partners.

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OSFM'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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#ITSOURLIBIRTHDAY! WELCOME TO THE NEW OSFM

We are excited to share that on July 1, 2023, our office officially became a state agency! We are thrilled to introduce the Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM).

It has taken countless hours of hard work to get to this point, and we are thrilled to be where we are today. There are many people to thank, from lawmakers, the Oregon fire service, and our staff who have been working tirelessly to help our agency transition seamlessly.

In 2021, House Bill 2927 was signed into law, making both the OSFM and the Oregon Emergency Management (OEM) independent state agencies. Previously, the OSFM was housed as an office under Oregon State Police, and OEM was housed under the Oregon Military Department.

Following months and months of hard work, at the end of June, the OSFM staff moved into the new general headquarters, located at Fairview Industrial Drive in Salem. Building renovations have been underway for the past several months. This new headquarters will not only house the OSFM, but also be a space for the Oregon fire service.

On June 28, the OSFM hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to welcome staff to the new building. Oregon State Fire Marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple provided opening remarks.

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"To the OSFM, this is your new home, I know it is just a building, but for you, it will be the place where you protect people and property," Ruiz-Temple said.

The last state fire marshal to dedicate a building was Everett Hall on September 6, 1991.

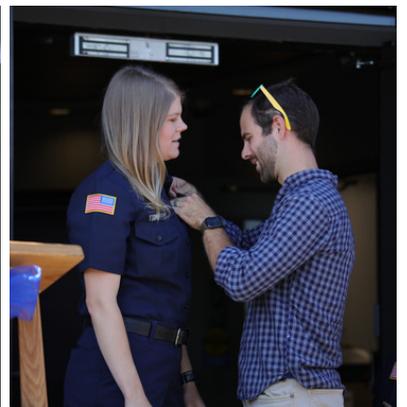


Ruiz-Temple read part of his speech from that day, saying in part:

"The work we do in this building will protect future generations in their homes, in their schools, and in their workplaces. With this building, we recognize the importance of all your contributions and anticipate the beginning of even greater achievements."

Ruiz-Temple emphasized that these words still ring true today.

Paul Evans and Representative Rick Lewis were on hand to give remarks and cut the ribbon. Both were instrumental in creating the OSFM as a standalone state agency. In their remarks to staff and those in attendance, Evans and Lewis spoke of the importance of the work the OSFM staff do every day to carry out the mission of protecting people, property, and the environment from fire and hazardous materials.

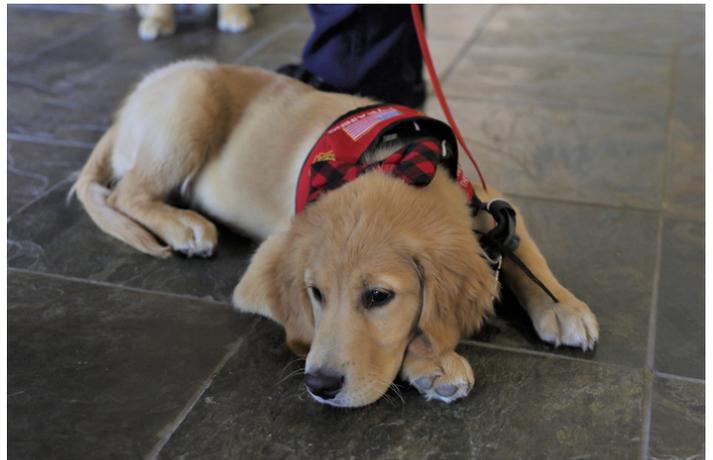


NEW MEMBERS SWORN IN

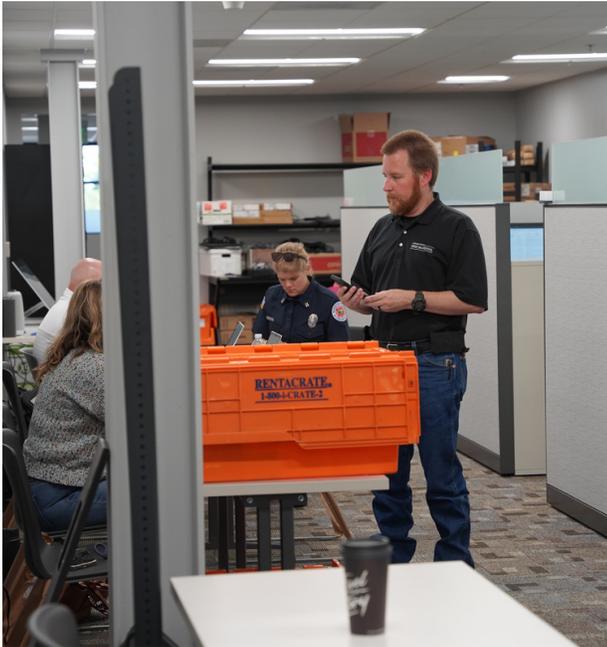
On June 28, the OSFM also held a badge pinning ceremony for three people. This ceremony was the first held at the OSFM's new headquarters in Salem.

Leslie Neu, Matt Amos, and Teresa Vonn all were sworn in and received their badges.

Neu is the OSFM's defensible space program coordinator, Amos is a strategic planning deputy state fire marshal, and Teresa Vonn is a fire risk reduction specialist based in southern Oregon. Congratulations!



HERE IS WHAT HAS CHANGED WITH THE OSFM AGENCY



As we embark on the OSFM's new chapter, our agency will continue to operate at the same level of exceptional service Oregonians and the fire service expect, and we hold ourselves to.

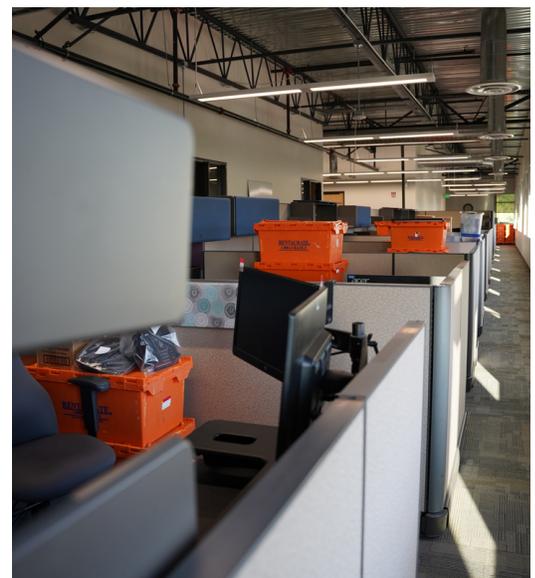
SOME OF THE NUTS AND BOLTS:

- Our new headquarters address is 3991 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, OR 97302.
- Our phone and fax numbers are the same.
- Our mission and values remain the same.
- Our new email address format is firstname.lastname@osfm.oregon.gov.
- Our website is www.oregon.gov/osfm.

If you need an image file of our new logo, please email public affairs at osfm.publicaffairs@osfm.oregon.gov.

As time allows, please update your email contacts. If you email an old address, don't worry - they will be forwarded for a period of time.

There is no other action needed on your part; we wanted to let you know our new information. Thanks for your continued partnership in protecting Oregonians around our state.





FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS HONORED AT SALEM MEMORIAL SERVICE

On June 15, the Oregon fire service paused to honor the sacrifices of two firefighters who were killed in the line of duty in 2022. Firefighters, law enforcement, and others from across the state paid tribute at the Oregon Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Ceremony in Salem.

Firefighter Austin Smith, 30, wildland firefighter Logan Taylor, 25, and other firefighters we have lost in the line of duty were honored. Austin and Logan's names were added to the memorial wall.

Austin Smith was a volunteer firefighter with St. Paul Fire District. He lost his life in the line of duty on February 3, 2022, when he and others were fighting a multialarm structure fire.

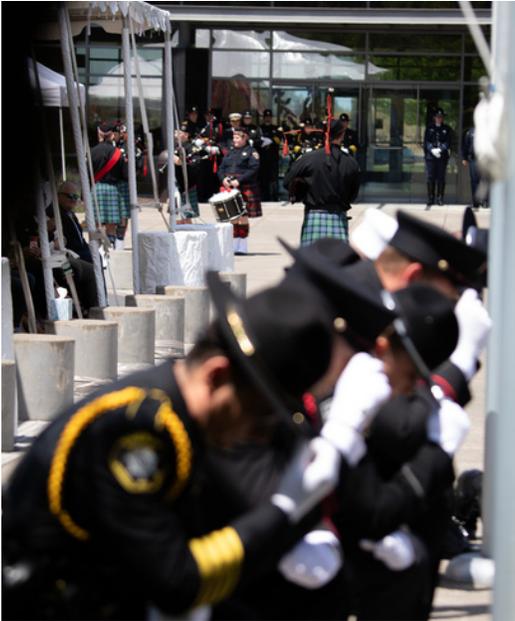
Logan Taylor was a wildland firefighter and the operator of Sasquatch Reforestation. He was assigned to the Rum Creek Fire in Southern Oregon. Taylor lost his life in the line of duty on August 18, 2022.

There are now 176 names on the memorial wall. During the ceremony, every name was read to remember their service and sacrifice for others.

The OSFM would like to thank the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training and the Oregon Fire Service Honor Guard for hosting the ceremony.

LINK: [Oregon Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial](#)







FIRST CONFLAGRATION DECLARED FOR PAIR OF FIRES IN UMATILLA COUNTY

A pair of fires in mid-June kicked off fire season in Oregon as the first conflagration of 2023 was declared. On June 13, two wildfires (Hat Rock and Mount Hebron) in Umatilla County driven by strong winds and low relative humidity were declared a conflagration by Oregon Governor Tina Kotek. The OSFM Green Incident Management team and six task forces from Multnomah, Clackamas, Marion, Lane, Linn, and Yamhill counties were mobilized. Crew 30 from Clackamas County was also sent to help.

The Hat Rock Fire sparked just before 11 a.m. on June 13. By that evening the fire had burned across roughly 10,000 acres. Firefighters from several surrounding counties have been called in to help.

At the time, Hat Rock State Park and some nearby homes along the Columbia River were put under a level two evacuation notice.

The Mount Hebron Fire, which sparked just outside of Pendleton also on June 13, was threatening several homes. At the time of the fire, the region was seeing gusty winds and low relative humidity and was under a red flag warning by the National Weather Service.

By Saturday, June 17, firefighters had both fires 100 percent contained and crews were demobilized and returned home. In total, the Hat Rock Fire burned 16,816 acres, the Mount Hebron Fire burned 370.



AGENCIES TAKE PART IN METRO ADVANCED WILDFIRE SCHOOL



On June 9 and 10, the Metro Advanced Wildland School (MAWS) was held in Molalla and was provided at no cost thanks to generous grants from the Oregon Department of Forestry, the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, and OSFM.

This was the 11th year of MAWS, which was organized by the Northwest Association of Fire Trainers (NAFT) and hosted by Molalla Fire.

This year, more than 125 firefighters from 26 different Oregon agencies and roughly 20 members of the OSFM incident management teams took part in the training.

MAWS is a unique opportunity for everyone involved to have conversations and work together in a low-stress environment and hone the skills necessary for effective response to wildland fire. Firefighters worked with live fire to learn skills from communications to burnout operations. A water-dropping helicopter was on hand both days to teach skills associated with aerial firefighting resources and to provide an opportunity to get tasks signed off on task books that may take some years to achieve otherwise. The training also includes firing operations, engine drafting, mobile attack, weather, structural protection and triage, building handlines, and supervisor operations.

Fully qualified IMT members have a unique opportunity to work alongside trainees prior to fire season where the bustle from an incident can limit the amount of one-on-one position-specific training time. They also have the chance to work alongside cadre members throughout the training, providing opportunities to participate in operational briefings and an Incident-Within-the-Incident drill.

The OSFM would like to extend our gratitude to the agencies and people involved in planning, coordinating, executing, and funding this incredible event.



CODES CORNER

COMMERCIAL HOOD & DUCT INSPECTIONS

Commercial hood and duct inspections are integral to fire code enforcement to reduce commercial cooking operation fire risk. The fire code official must be knowledgeable about Oregon Fire Code and NFPA 96 along with a partnership with the business owner and cleaning contractor.

Oregon Fire Code provides requirements for commercial cooking system operation and maintenance. The inspection of hoods, grease filters, ducts, and fans is specified in Section 606.3.3.1 and must be conducted by a qualified individual.

The fire code official has the responsibility to determine qualified individuals. Some jurisdictions in Oregon have a formal process such as a certificate of fitness or a contractor list.

Inspection and cleaning are mistakenly used interchangeably. The inspection is a hood and duct system evaluation to determine if grease accumulation creates a fire hazard. This determination drives the requirement for cleaning, in accordance with ANSI/IKECA

**TABLE 606.3.3.1
COMMERCIAL COOKING SYSTEM INSPECTION FREQUENCY**

TYPE OF COOKING OPERATIONS	FREQUENCY OF INSPECTION
High-volume cooking operations such as 24-hour cooking, charbroiling or wok cooking	3 months
Low-volume cooking operations such as places of religious worship, seasonal businesses and senior centers	12 months
Cooking operations utilizing solid fuel-burning cooking appliances	1 month
All other cooking operations	6 months

C10. The International Kitchen ExhaustCleaning Association (IKEKCA) offers a complimentary membership for AHJs with resources for enforcing hood and duct inspections.

The fire code official also verifies the inspection frequency is appropriate for the cooking operation type. They can approve a different frequency if appropriate. According to the NFPA, approximately 22% of these fires resulted from a failure to clean; eating and drinking establishments lose \$165 million in property damage yearly. **Failure to inspect and clean the commercial kitchen hood, filters, ducts, and fans is a leading cause of fires in commercial kitchen operations.**

The inspection and cleaning record must be in accordance with OFC section 606.3.3.3. The record should contain the individual's name and the company conducting the inspection and cleaning. The record can be paper or digital and can be collected through third-party reporting.

The inspection and cleaning of commercial cooking hoods and duct systems are critical to every fire inspection program. Increasing your knowledge and developing a partnership with contractors helps reduce fire risk, limit property damage, and decrease business interruption of commercial cooking establishments.



LEGISLATIVE LOOK

2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION RECAP

The Oregon legislature wrapped up work for the 2023 general session in June. This year, nearly 3,000 bills were introduced; of those, roughly 350 had the potential to impact our agency or the Oregon fire service. As the session played out, a handful of bills are set to be signed into law by the governor.

- **House Bill 5036**, the agency's budget bill, was passed by legislature on June 22 and signed on June 30. This bill provides funding for the OSFM as a new state agency for the next biennium.
- **House Bills 3484 and 3485** provide for the agency to continue necessary authorities and established a new mobilization fund to be drawn upon when the state mobilizes the OSFM to fires or other emergencies.
- **House Bill 5506**, the end-of-session omnibus bill, provides \$10 million for emergency response, \$2 million in the mobilization fund, and \$500,000 for agency staff continuation.
- **House Bill 2426**, which allows for some self-serve gas in Oregon, passed and was sent to the governor's desk for signatures on June 21. The bill allows Oregonians to have the option of either self-serve or an attendant to pump gas.
- **Senate Bill 80** is a multipart bill geared towards preparing communities for wildfire. It includes changes to the statewide wildfire hazard map. The bill adds \$3 million to the OSFM's community risk reduction fund. The OSFM uses these funds to help communities become more resilient to wildfire.
- **House Bills 2484 and 2522** are study bills about urban search and rescue (USAR) and rural structural fire protection review.

A variety of other bills passed that will impact the OSFM's mission in less direct ways. The next scheduled session will be held in February 2024.



THE OSFM SET TO HOST OREGON FIRE CODE 2022 CLASS

Register today for the OSFM's 2022 Oregon Fire Code Class, set for July 12 in The Dalles. This course is required for all Oregon Fire Inspector I (Oregon Administrative Rule 837-039-0016). This class is a high-level overview of the 2022 Oregon Fire Code changes and introduces fire chiefs, fire marshals, fire inspectors, and building officials to the fire code official's responsibilities. The course includes a one-hour introduction to OFC section 319, Mobile Food Units.

This class is required within the first year of every code cycle change to maintain competency recognition for Oregon Fire Inspector 1, Oregon Fire Inspector 2, and Oregon Fire Marshal.

If you have any questions, please email OSFM.OFC@osp.oregon.gov or call 503-934-8256.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 12
FROM 8 A.M. TO 5 P.M.**

Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue
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[Click here to register](#) or scan the QR code.





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SUMMER SAFETY KITS SENT TO OREGON FIRE SERVICE

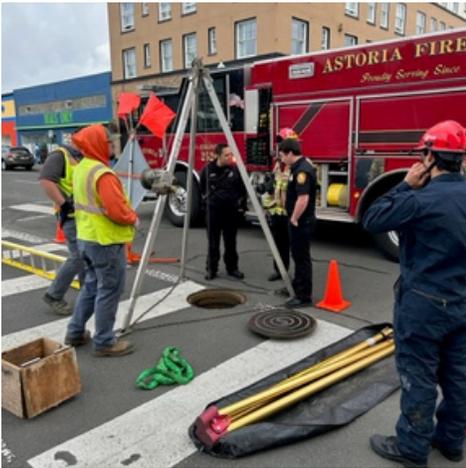
Summer is here! Along with the sunshine and warmer temps, there are different challenges and risks many communities face. To help Oregonians be better prepared for the risks summer brings the OSFM has sent summer safety messaging boxes.

Inside are educational materials for the fire service to use at community events to spread the messages of summer fire safety, window fall prevention messaging, tips to avoid heat-related injuries, and how to be safe in and around water.

OSFM staff hope that our fire service partners will advantage of the variety of community events to connect with Oregonians and visitors and distribute the provided materials. Local community events bring people together and are a valuable and important way to increase fire prevention education efforts and spread consistent safety messages across the state.

The OSFM public affairs team created a social media toolkit for the fire service focused on summer fire safety messaging. This kit includes messaging on summer travel fire safety, pet fire safety, and wildfire prevention. The social media graphics are available in English, Spanish, Russian, Mandarin, and Cantonese. [You can find the toolkit here.](#)

Don't hesitate to contact the OSFM's fire and life safety education team if you have questions or educational needs we might be able to assist with. Our email is osfmce@osfm.oregon.gov.



FROM THE INTERNET: TIGHT SQUEEZE

That's a confined space! In mid-June firefighters and public works with the city of Astoria took to the streets for a little confined space rescue training. Check out the rest of the pictures on the [Facebook post](#).

IN THE NEWS: WOMAN POWER

Jefferson County Fire and Emergency Medical Services was featured on Central Oregon Daily, the CBS affiliate in Bend, in mid-June. The story focused on how half of the Jefferson County firefighting and EMS force are women. You can [check out the story here](#).

FROM THE INTERNET: KITTEN RESCUE

To the rescue! Gresham Fire had a unique rescue on June 21. They were called to help a kitten that was found in an engine compartment on the I-84 on-ramp.

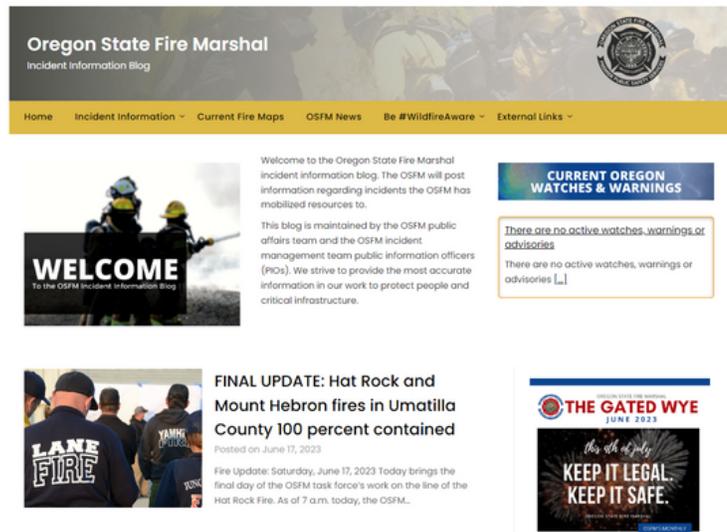
The crew took care of the kitten until animal control arrived. The kitten was available for adoption at the Multnomah County Animal Services in Troutdale.

[Gresham fire posted](#) they think Piston would be a fitting name; we agree.



BE SURE TO FOLLOW THE OSFM INFO BLOG FOR WILDFIRE UPDATES THIS SUMMER

As the threat of wildfire increases into the summer months, be sure to stay up to date on any wildfire or incident the OSFM has mobilized resources to. The public affairs team shares information, pictures, and video from the fire line of the great work the Oregon fire service does when mobilized. You can check out the blog at www.OSFMInfo.org. Be sure to bookmark the blog to your browser.



OSFM CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

[DEPUTY STATE FIRE MARSHAL \(MULTIPLE POSITIONS, UNDERFILL OPTION AVAILABLE\)](#)



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